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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

This paper is filed in response to the Final Rejection dated July 3, 2002 and Advisory Action dated November 1, 2002, and accompanies a Request for Continued Examination. A petition for a three-month extension of time and the appropriate fee accompany this response.

In the claims:

Please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claims 1, 3-21, 23, and 25.

Please add the following new claims.

--26. A vector for expressing DNA comprising:

- a) a self-replicating origin of replication operative in mammalian cells; and
- b) an LCR ,or component thereof, which, when operatively linked to a gene of interest and present in a mammalian host cell, directs extrachromosomal

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